



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: THE SEASONAL REMOVAL OF UP TO 10 CUBIC YARDS OF STREAMBED MATERIAL IN ORDER TO RE-ESTABLISH THE PLUNGE POOL AT THE SUNSET FALLS TRAP AND HAUL RELEASE SITE

Description of Proposal: This SEPA is for the removal of up to 10 cubic yards of streambed material at WDFW's Sunset Falls fishway release site. Currently, WDF&W; TAPPS Division/Habitat Program is responsible for the oversight and operation of the Sunset Falls trap & haul fishway. Fish are trapped at Sunset Falls and hauled several miles upstream of Sunset, Canyon and Eagle Falls. Chinook (ESA Listed), coho, pink salmon including Steelhead (ESA listed) and native char (ESA Listed) are released back into the SF Skykomish where they have access to over 100 miles of habitat. In recent years, high flows have eroded 350' of the release site road and a recent upstream bankline protection project (Oremus Property) has altered the lateral scour pool where fish have been historically released. See attached aerial picture of immediate upstream bankline project and proposed project site.

Proponent/Applicant:

WDF&W TAPPS Division/Habitat Program
600 Capitol Way N
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Sunset Falls Release Site, Washington, Snohomish County; Section 34, Township 27 North, Range 10 East WM
Long: 121.502715219, Lat: 47.785962322

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **February 22, 2010**

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

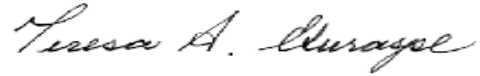
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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 8, 2010

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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